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August 2020 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 8

Statistical Data Report for August 2020, Released October 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in August in 41 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 7 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. All 50 states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate fell by 1.8 percentage points over the month to 8.4 percent but was 4.7 points higher than in August 2019.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 40 states and was essentially unchanged in 10 states and the District of Columbia in August 2020. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 1 state.

Nevada had the highest unemployment rate in August, 13.2 percent, followed by Rhode Island, 12.8 percent, and Hawaii and New York, 12.5 percent each. Nebraska had the lowest rate, 4.0 percent, followed by Utah, 4.1 percent, and Idaho, 4.2 percent. In total, 29 states had jobless rates lower than the U.S. figure of 8.4 percent, 10 states had higher rates, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 8

Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2020

U.S. - 8.4%

Illinois - 11%

Indiana - 6.4%

Kentucky - 7.6%

Michigan - 8.7%

Ohio - 8.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): August 2020

#6 - Orange (8.1%)

#32 - Lawrence (5.9%)

#33 - Owen (5.9%)

#39 - Brown (5.7%)

#41 - Greene (5.7%)

#51 - Monroe (5.4%)

#91 - Martin (3.9%)

#92 - Daviess (3.5%)

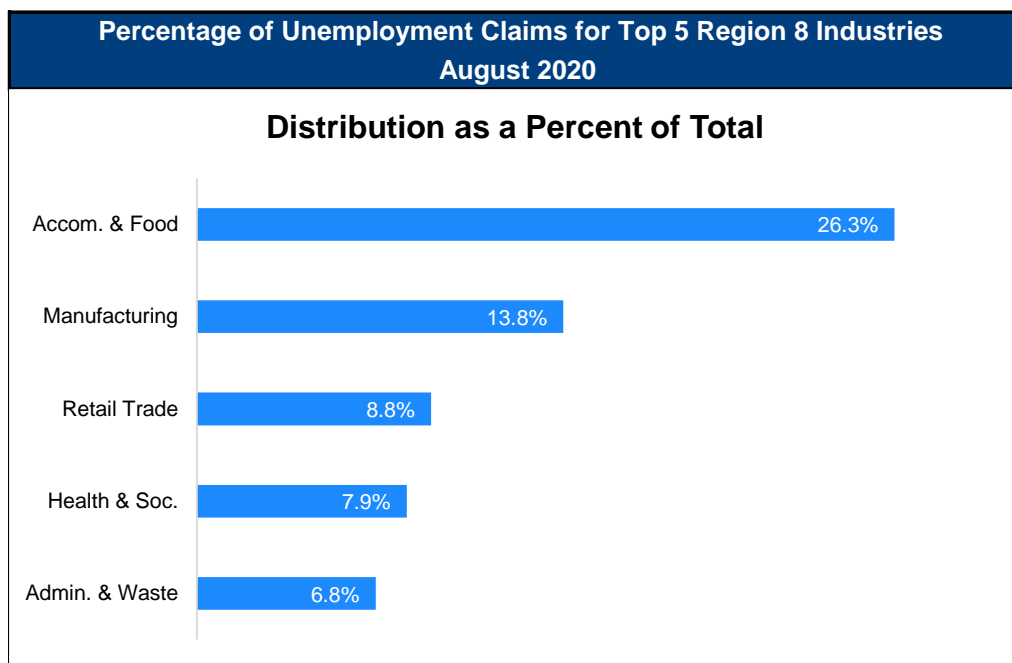
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

August 2020 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19
U.S.	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%
IN	3,364,666	3,147,142	217,524	6.5%	8.0%	3.4%
EGR 8	151,519	143,250	8,269	5.5%	7.1%	3.6%
Bloomington MSA	77,996	73,719	4,277	5.5%	6.9%	3.8%
Brown Co.	7,878	7,430	448	5.7%	7.2%	2.9%
Daviess Co.	16,589	16,007	582	3.5%	4.3%	2.7%
Greene Co.	13,441	12,675	766	5.7%	6.8%	4.0%
Lawrence Co.	21,171	19,918	1,253	5.9%	7.6%	3.5%
Martin Co.	5,426	5,217	209	3.9%	5.0%	2.8%
Monroe Co.	68,815	65,082	3,733	5.4%	6.8%	3.8%
Orange Co.	9,018	8,284	734	8.1%	14.3%	3.5%
Owen Co.	9,181	8,637	544	5.9%	7.2%	4.1%
Bloomington	37,834	35,564	2,270	6.0%	7.6%	4.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 09/20 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2020 from				
CPI Item	Aug-19	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	4%	0.1%	2.9%	-0.3%
Housing	2.1%	0.2%	2%	0.3%
Apparel	-5.9%	1.8%	-7.7%	1.2%
Transportation	-4.1%	0.8%	-3.4%	1.2%
Medical Care	4.5%	0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Recreation	1.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Education & Communication	2.3%	0.4%	2.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	2.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	-0.7%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 8 for August 2020				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for August 2020 for Region 8.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: August 2020

Region 8

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 531
08/08/20 - 383
08/15/20 - 403
08/22/20 - 413
08/29/20 - 430

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 5,271
08/08/20 - 4,884
08/15/20 - 4,581
08/22/20 - 4,326
08/29/20 - 4,120

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 5,802
08/08/20 - 5,267
08/15/20 - 4,984
08/22/20 - 4,739
08/29/20 - 4,550

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 12,551
08/08/20 - 10,624
08/15/20 - 10,569
08/22/20 - 10,597
08/29/20 - 10,779

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 199,336
08/08/20 - 183,083
08/15/20 - 170,341
08/22/20 - 164,569
08/29/20 - 158,742

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 211,887
08/08/20 - 193,707
08/15/20 - 180,910
08/22/20 - 175,166
08/29/20 - 169,521

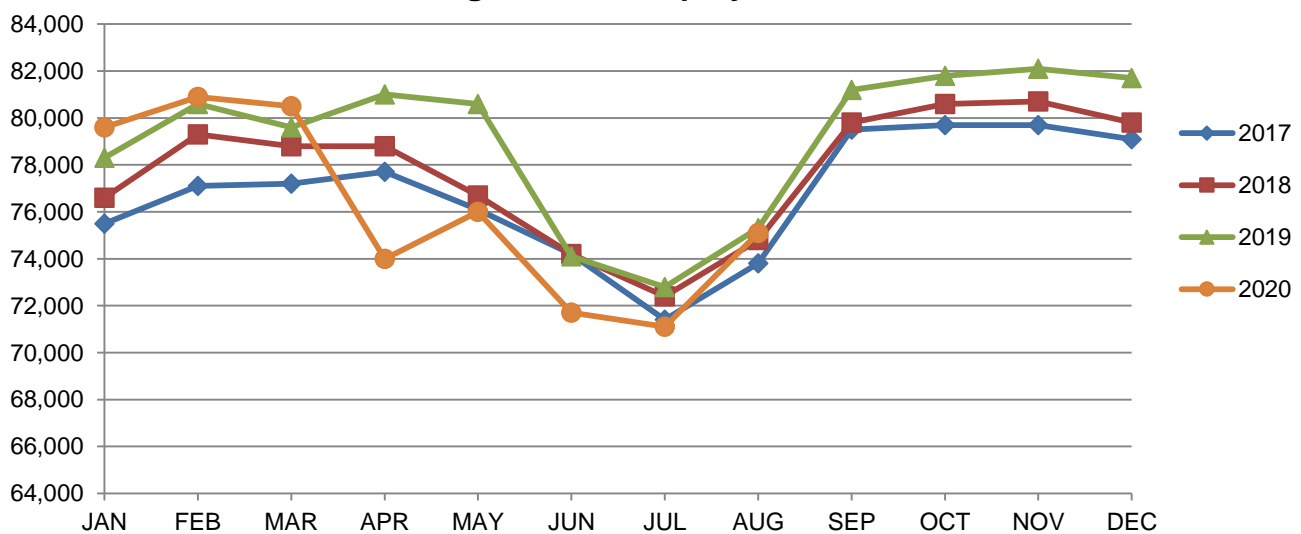
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Bloomington MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2020			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20 to Aug-20		Aug-19 to Aug-20	
Total Nonfarm	75,100	71,100	75,300	4,000	5.6%	-200	-0.3%
Total Private	52,700	52,400	53,300	300	0.6%	-600	-1.1%
Goods Producing	12,300	12,300	12,800	0	0.0%	-500	-3.9%
Service-Providing	62,800	58,800	62,500	4,000	6.8%	300	0.5%
Private Service Providing	40,400	40,100	40,500	300	0.8%	-100	-0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.0%	-100	-3.2%
Manufacturing	9,300	9,300	9,700	0	0.0%	-400	-4.1%
Durable Goods	6,000	5,900	6,600	100	1.7%	-600	-9.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,100	9,600	9,800	500	5.2%	300	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0%	-100	-5.9%
Retail Trade	7,200	6,700	6,900	500	7.5%	300	4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
Information	900	900	1,000	0	0.0%	-100	-10.0%
Financial Activities	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	0.0%	100	3.1%
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,400	5,500	200	3.7%	100	1.8%
Education and Health Services	10,000	10,100	10,400	-100	-1.0%	-400	-3.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,600	8,800	8,400	-200	-2.3%	200	2.4%
Other Services	1,900	2,000	2,200	-100	-5.0%	-300	-13.6%
Total Government	22,400	18,700	22,000	3,700	19.8%	400	1.8%
Federal Government	500	400	400	100	25.0%	100	25.0%
State Government	16,900	14,000	16,400	2,900	20.7%	500	3.1%
Local Government	5,000	4,300	5,200	700	16.3%	-200	-3.9%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	1,700	2,500	700	41.2%	-100	-4.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	0.0%	-100	-3.7%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Bloomington MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 8 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
3	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	Engineers, All Other
6	Production Workers, All Other
7	Social and Human Service Assistants
8	Building Cleaning Workers, All Other
9	Therapists, All Other
10	Home Health Aides
11	Customer Service Representatives
12	Retail Salespersons
13	Financial Specialists, All Other
14	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
15	Medical Secretaries
16	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
17	Nursing Assistants
18	Technical Directors/Managers
19	Computer Network Support Specialists
20	Helpers--Production Workers

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,573
Production Workers, All Other	1,354
Helpers--Production Workers	853
Cashiers	787
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	576
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	518
Office Clerks, General	502
Customer Service Representatives	465
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	428
Receptionists and Information Clerks	417
Retail Salespersons	388
Extraction Workers, All Other	386
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	375
Managers, All Other	369
Construction Laborers	361
Waiters and Waitresses	358
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	352
Nursing Assistants	351
Carpenters	320
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	306

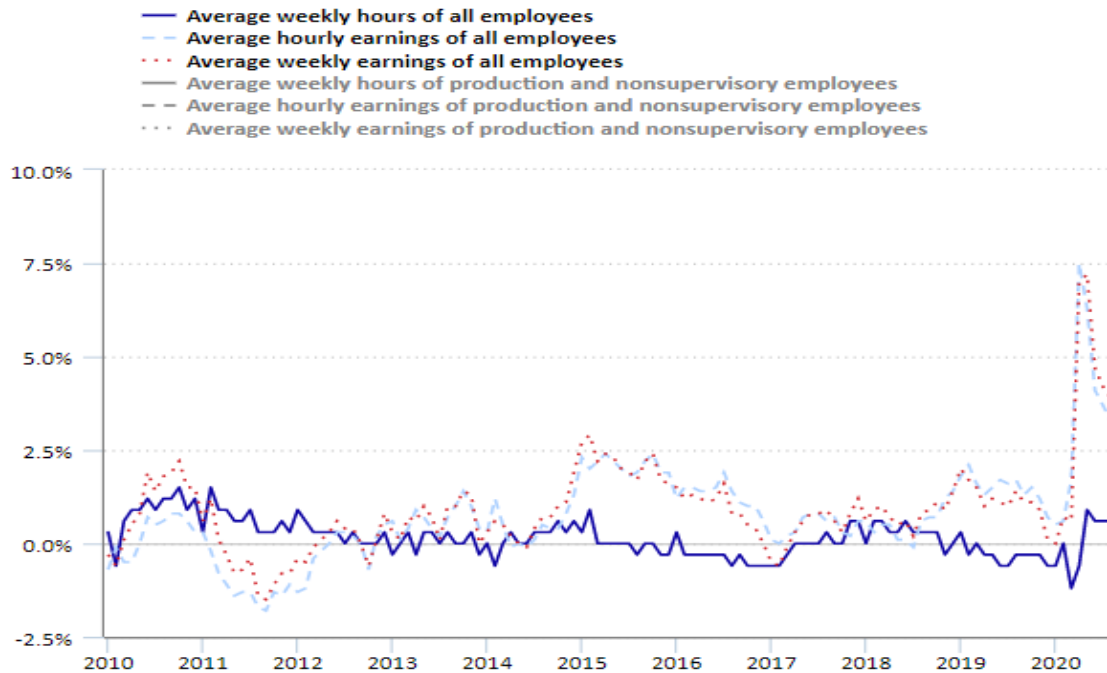
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Real weekly earnings up 3.9 percent for year ended August 2020

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Real average hourly earnings increased 3.3 percent from August 2019 to August 2020. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with an increase of 0.6 percent in the average workweek resulted in a 3.9-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over this period. The increases in real average hourly and weekly earnings largely reflect the substantial job loss over the year among lower-paid workers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to contain it.

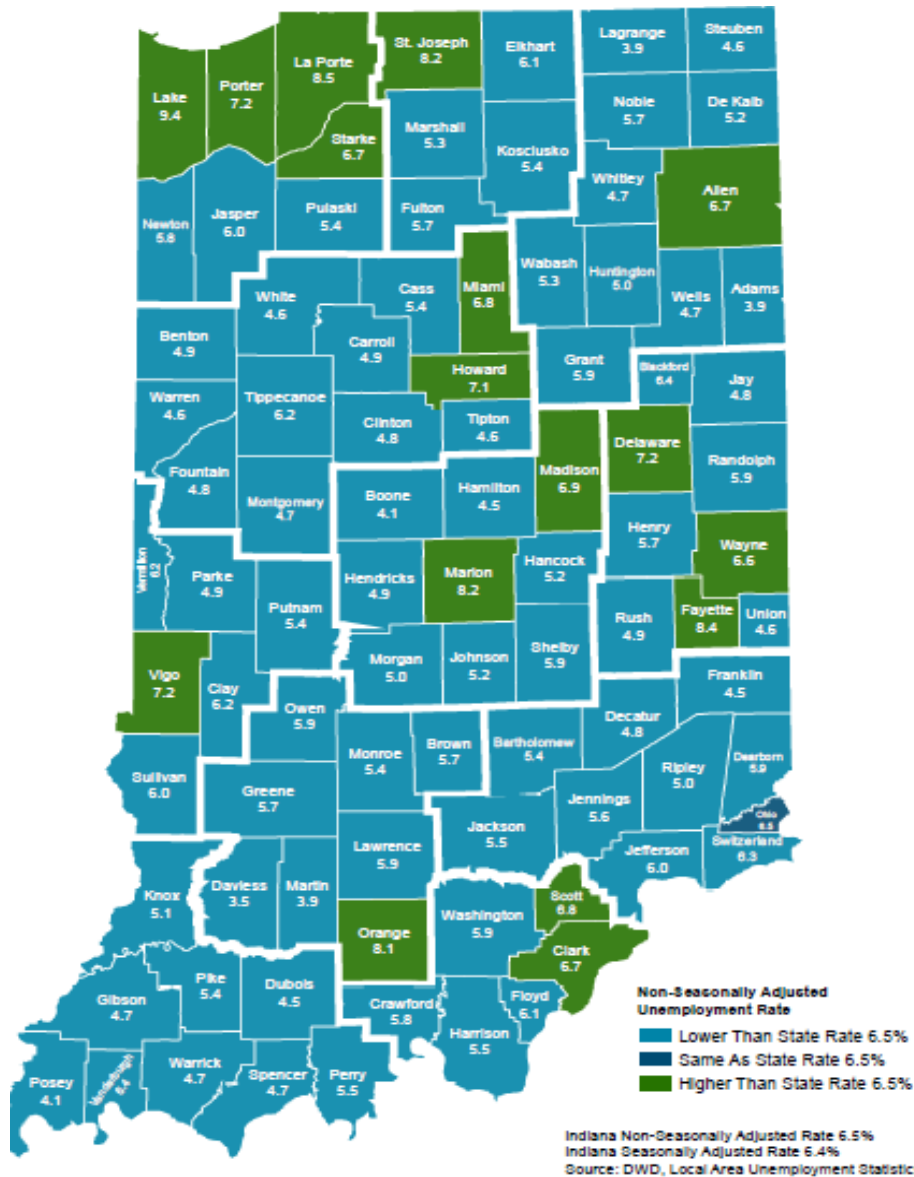
12-month percent change in real average weekly hours, hourly and weekly earnings, private sector employees, seasonally adjusted



From August 2019 to August 2020, real average hourly earnings increased 3.5 percent for production and nonsupervisory employees. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with a 1.2-percent increase in the average workweek resulted in a 4.7-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over this period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Real weekly earnings up 3.9 percent for year ended August 2020 on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2020/real-weekly-earnings-up-3-point-9-percent-for-year-ended-august-2020.htm>

County Unemployment Rates August 2020 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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